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I went from Le Bourget to the Travellers Club. Thence, ~~later~~, to the Embassy Residence, Avenue d'Iena, for a stag dinner. Avis and Chip did us nobly; following soup, a whole lobster apiece, served as the intermezzo to superb later courses.

George Ball, Bill Tyler, Ambassadors Rice (Netherlands), John Leddy (who has replaced Tuthill), Tuthill, Reinhardt, Red Dowling, Tom Finletter, Durbrow, and Cecil Lyon made up the dozen.

We talked and how. There seemed a compulsive urge to review the Cuban affair, interesting but old hat. The Common Market was the chief topic under review. Could the United States now usefully intervene to further the British desire to join? The wild urge to use pressure having thus far been restrained, it was the consensus that we should, for the present, remain aloof, with the expectation that our good offices might possibly be later invoked. Ball might, before Macmillan meets the President at Nassau, on December 18 and 20, brief Mr. Kennedy on the present status of the affair so he can raise it with the Prime Minister. Subsequently, I think Ball should talk to Heath and Hallstein, even to others. But whatever is done should, like murder, be done quietly and privately.

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We sheltered under Bill Tyler's wing this morning, in a remarkable sound and security proofed plastic-looking room at the Chancery, to continue last night's discussion.

Afterwards, I had a conversation with Bill about various administrative details, including the closing of Consulates.

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